

Leadership Link

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Congratulations Winners, Link Officers

by Diane Mullins, Public Relations Chair



Leadership Link's new officers were installed at the 6th annual awards luncheon held at the Governor's Mansion. From left to right is Cindy Lugan, president; Mayor Coleen Seng, E.J. Schumaker, president elect; Mary Schneider-Lowe, secretary, and Karen Eurich, treasurer.

Link's annual awards luncheon and new officer installation ceremonies.

About 60 people attended the luncheon and participated in honoring five award winners, nominated for their professionalism and managerial capabilities, by peers and colleagues.

Newly elected Mayor Coleen Seng opened the ceremonies with a short welcome, proclamation reading and presenting the Manager of the Year awards to Steve Owen and Don Herz.

Owen, who was recently certified as a NMA manager, works as a supervisor for Solid Waste Operations in the Public Works Department, was recognized for his

personal and administrative skills in implementing effective leadership strategies.

Herz, who is employed as director for the Finance Department, was recognized for his excellent communication skills, offering an open door policy for employees, and his expertise in a complex field of study.

Sandy Moody, senior office manager for the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights, received the Distinguished Recognition Award for her outstanding commitment to the department's goals and mission, and her participation in numerous boards and

committees in human service areas.

Special recognition was given to Larry Worth and Kathy Smith when Link President Colleen Floth presented them with the President's Award for their professional dedication to the organization. Worth, who works as Transit manager for Public Works, served as Link's program committee co-chair with Smith, an employee in the Finance department. Both were instrumental in coordinating and implementing monthly speakers and other volunteer duties.

The program ended with the installation of new officers for the 2003/2004 board year: Cindy Lugan, Finance Department, will serve as president. E. J. Schumaker, County Health Department, will serve as vice president. Mary Schnieder-Lowe, Public Works, will serve as secretary and Karen Eurich, Personnel, will act as Link's treasurer. ■

New Officers for 2003/2004

PresidentCindy Lugan
President Elect ... E.J. Schumaker
Secretary... Mary Schneider-Lowe
Treasurer Karen Eurich



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The National Management Association July Joint Chapter Meeting

The Knolls Restaurant
2201 Old Cheney Road
Luncheon Buffet
\$11.00 per person
July 10, 2003
11:45 a.m.

Keith Barrett

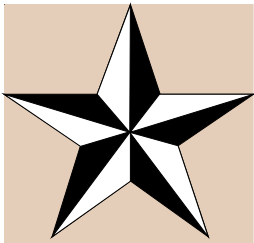
Keynote & Professional Humorist

"Humor in the Work Place"

What could possibly be so funny working here?

Contact your chapter to make reservations
before Thursday, July 3, 2003!





The Real Year is 5117, or a.k.a. 'Beam Me Up, Scotty!'

The beginnings of the Chinese calendar can be traced back to the 14th century B.C.E. Legend has it that the Emperor Huangdi invented the calendar in 2637 B.C.E. The Chinese calendar is based on exact astronomical observations of the longitude of the sun and the phases of the moon. This means that principles of modern science have had an impact on the Chinese calendar. Therefore, if time had not been interrupted for religious events, and allowed to flow consecutively, this would be the year **4640**.

Among their other accomplishments, the ancient Mayas invented a calendar of remarkable accuracy and complexity. At right is the ancient Mayan Pyramid Chichen Itza, Yucatan, Mexico. The Pyramid of Kukulcan at Chichén Itzá, constructed

circa 1050 was built during the late Mayan period, when Toltecs from Tula became politically powerful. The pyramid was used as a calendar: four stairways, each with 91 steps and a platform at the top, making a total of 365, equivalent to the number of days in a calendar year.

The Maya calendar was adopted by the other Mesoamerican nations, such as the Aztecs and the Toltec, which adopted the mechanics of the calendar unaltered but changed the names of the days of the week and the months.

According to the Mayan calendar, which began with the existence of its civilization in the year 3114 BC, the year is actually **5117**. But the most remarkable part of this history lesson on time is the mathematical method used five millennia ago. Mayan math proved there were 365.242036 days in a year, which is slightly more accurate than the 365.2425 days used by the Gregorian calendar of modern day - only a difference of .000464 or a few minutes.



Sandy Moody (left) hugs the Distinguished Employee of the Year award that was presented by President Colleen Floth (middle) during Link's awards luncheon. Larry Worth received the 2003 President's Award.

LEADERSHIP LINK EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Welcome New Link Members

Join us at Leadership Link in giving a hearty round of applause to our newest members:

- Bill Booe, Aging
- Michelle Schindler, Juvenile Detention Center
- June Remington, Aging
- Russell Widdowson, Police Garage
- Nancy Furman, Parks & Rec
- Vicky Piersol, Aging
- Susan Campbell, Aging

Membership Profiles on File

Audrey Leming, Past Community Services Chair

If you could take a famous person to dinner, who would it be? Barbara Streisand. I have always been "in awe" of her talents.

How do you spend your free time? Read Books or Play cards

What is your favorite restaurant? Red Lobster

Why did you join Leadership Link? To get involved, meet more people and learn more about Lincoln, Neb.

If you could build your dream house anywhere in the world, where and why? Montana, in the mountains or Colorado, its beautiful.

What is your horiscope sign and does it fit you? Capricorn - to a "tee"!

Step Up To Bat!

Leadership Link Needs You!

Looking for individuals to chair the
2003/2004 year committees:

**Awards
Programs
Community Services**

Contact
Cindy Luga,
441-7474

**Everyone should
have a swing at it!**



Small Business Owners Create BEL Group to Protect the Environment

By E.J. Schumaker, President Elect

Businesses for Environmental Leadership (BEL) is an organization made up of small business owners in Lincoln and Lancaster County that have made a voluntary commitment to protect and preserve the environment.

This group was started by a grant written and implemented by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. BEL small business members are adopting practices to reduce toxic materials at the source, participate in energy and resource conservation measures, and reuse and recycle materials in their daily operations.

The BEL organization stresses an innovative strategy to help businesses understand their environmental obligations under the law, resources that are available and affordable, and economic benefits from practicing pollution prevention in their businesses.

BEL is based on the premise that small businesses usually do not have environmental health and safety professionals on staff to advise them on environmental issues and may not have the trust and confidence in government officials to access all the needed services available to them. This project bridges that gap with its business-to-business approach.

The founding group of BEL was made up of the owners of a variety of small businesses, some with proven leadership in the community. These original members set standards for membership as they defined the group's mission and goals and set environmental criteria for three different levels of achievement.

They piloted the project in their own respective businesses. They designed an incentive program and marketing materials, then began taking the program to their peers. BEL is becoming an organization in its own right, independent of government, to promote environmental excellence in Nebraska's small businesses.



BEL now has a Board of Directors, written bylaws and applied for status as a nonprofit organization. BEL



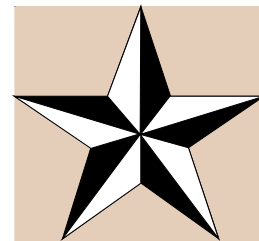
businesses want to ensure that our land, air and water are protected for future generations, and that the citizens of Lancaster County have access to businesses who are good stewards of our natural resources.

Overall, pollution prevention can save businesses money and time. Savings may result from reduced disposal costs, material costs, operating costs and reduction in employee absenteeism. BEL recognizes small businesses who are leaders in Lancaster County who practice innovative environmental measures. All small businesses of Lancaster County are welcome to apply.

Last April, BEL offered the 2nd Quarter Educational Presentation to 16 small business owners. The theme of this event was "Water and your business". The speakers were from the Public Works & Utilities staff: Nick McElvain "Water Supply and Your Business"; Rock Krzycki "Water Shed Management" and Dave Beyersdorf "Wastewater Information"

Pictured at left is Dave Beyersdorf (Environmental Engineer II), Rock Krzycki (Senior Engineering Specialist) and Nick McElvain (Sanitary Engineer) from Public Works & Utilities, City of Lincoln.

The topic of the 3rd Quarter Educational Event will be On July 22, 2003, "Materials Reduction and Your Business".

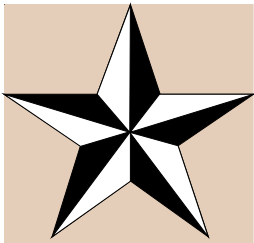


Recognized for their outstanding leadership at the Link's awards luncheon was (from left to right) Steve Owen, Don Herz, Mayor Coleen Seng, Sandy Moody, Larry Worth and Kathy Smith.

The Lighter Side

Although I tend to disagree, my 50-year-old fiancée thinks expelling long belches after he eats, sounding like a frog croaking "ribbbittt," is funny. I once asked my 9-year-old son, "Why in the world would I ever want to kiss a frog like that after dinner?"

In an innocent childlike voice, he said, "So that he can become a Prince someday, mom!"
...diane m.



Nebraskaland Council Reports

By Jan Lehmkuhl,
National Director & North Central Area Chair

Beginning their term in July, the Nebraskaland Council delegates is made up of delegates from each of the six participating Chapters in Nebraska and Iowa as well as the three National Directors in the North Central region.

The purpose of the Council is to serve NMA affiliated chapters by promoting projects and activities that help strengthen and improve the chapters, facilitating an exchange of ideas and information among chapters, assisting in training and orientation of chapter leaders,

promoting the objectives of the National Management Association throughout the area, helping to develop new chapters, and promoting joint chapter activities.

Each participating chapter provides 3 voting delegates each year. The Council bylaws identify one of the delegates as the current Chapter President. The other

two delegates hold a 2-year term and one is replaced each year.

The Council owes thanks for a productive year of service to our Chapter's current delegates. This year the Council has held quarterly meetings, sponsored a mini Chapter Leadership Conference to help train chapter leaders, sponsored study sessions for the Certified Manager program, and assisted in chartering 2 new chapters in this region (High Plains Leadership Development Chapter in Scottsbluff, Nebraska and the NMA of Iowa in Des Moines, Iowa). Way to go!

The quarterly Council meetings include a business meeting, a time for Chapters to share training and speaker information, promotion of training seminars and fundraising events for individual chapters, and a leadership training session. Council meetings are open to all NMA members.

To learn more about the Nebraskaland Council, please attend the next meeting on June 25, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Old Country Buffet, 14525 W. Center Street, Omaha, Nebraska. If you prefer, you may contact me at 479-5714 or jlehmkuhl@dcs.state.ne.us for additional information. ■

Catered by kitchen staff, the awards luncheon featured chicken salad on croissants, summer salad, fresh fruit and chocolate cake for dessert.

Board Reinstates No Show Billing Policy

At the last executive board meeting held in May, the board voted to enforce the "no show" luncheon policy. Starting with the June luncheon meetings, any guest who makes a reservation to attend a luncheon meeting, but fails to show will be billed for the price of the lunch. Link representatives must quote a guarantee headcount to the restaurant to ensure enough food is ordered and prepared for the event. The organization is invoiced according to the number of reservations guaranteed, not the number of attendees. The "no show" policy will ensure that Leadership Link isn't overcharged for the number of luncheons served and consumed.

CITY/COUNTY EMPLOYEES CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY

Serving in the armed forces, Larry Edwards from the Fire Department and Karla Welding from Public Works continue to serve their country since the Middle East crisis began.

WE SALUTE YOU!



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NMA is dedicated to managerial excellence, personal and professional growth, and leadership development. The following principles identify NMA's core beliefs and provide the basis for the Association's Mission Statement.

We believe in the highest standards of personal and organizational integrity and respect for the individual.

We believe in lifelong learning, continuous improvement, and the development of a workforce capable of sustaining a competitive posture in the global economy.

We believe management is a creative, dynamic, and essential process enabling people to achieve personal and organizational objectives.

We believe that managerial responsibility is shared among all individuals at all levels of the organization and that leadership is critical to management success.

We believe that individuals and organizations have a community and civic responsibility.